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The essays sent in for competition are to be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry, and Commerce, with the superscription : "Competition for the Prizes for the best essay on the genus *Citrus*," and they must be distinguished by a motto to be given also, on a sealed cover containing the name and address of the author.

Art. 3—The award upon the essays of the competitors will be issued by the Commission appointed in pursuance of the Royal Decree of February 14, 1877, No. 3684, within ten months from the close of the competition.

The cover that bears the motto of the essay to which the reward is to be granted will be opened ; the covers corresponding with the unsuccessful essays will be burnt unopened.

The copyright of the essays sent in for competition is reserved to the respective authors ; but the essay that obtains the reward may be printed, entire or in part, in the "Annals of Agriculture," published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce.

The present Decree will be registered at the Court of Accounts.

Given at Rome, December 9,, 1878.

The Minister,

(Signed) E. PESSINA.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for publication in the local gazette and for communication to the officers of the Forest and other Departments.

Madras.	Central Provinces.
Bombay.	British Burma.
Bengal.	Mysore and Coorg.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	Ajmere.
Punjab.	Assam.
	Hyderabad.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded, for information, to the Superintendent of Forest Surveys and the Comptroller-General.

(True Extract.)

C. D. TUPPER,

Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

JUDICIAL.

Simla, the 22nd May 1879.

No. 99 *I*-J.—In supersession of Foreign Department Notification No. 13 J., dated 18th January 1870, the Governor General in Council is pleased to extend Act I of 1879 (the Indian Stamp Act, 1879) to the Territories of Mysore, subject to the following modifications, *viz.*,—

(*a*) for the words "British India" and "Local Government," wherever they occur, the words "the Territories of Mysore" and "Chief Commissioner of Mysore" shall be substituted respectively :

(*b*) for the word "April" in the last paragraph of section one and in section five, clause (*a*), the word "June" shall be substitued :

(c) for clauses (7) and (8) respectively of section three the following clauses shall be substituted :

"Controlling Revenue Authority" means the Chief Commissioner or such officer as the Chief may from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint in this behalf by of his office :

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"Collector" means a Deputy Commissioner and any officer whom the Chief Commissioner may from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint in this behalf by name or in virtue of his office :

(*d*) for section forty-six the following section shall be substituted :

The Chief Controlling Revenue Authority may state any case referred to it under section forty-five or otherwise coming to its notice, and refer such case, with its own opinion thereon, to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Mysore or other Court exercising the functions of a High Court within the Territories of Mysore :

(*e*) in sections forty-seven, forty-eight and forty-nine, for the words "High Court or Chief Court" the words "Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Mysore or other such Court as aforesaid" shall be substituted : and

(*f*) in Schedule II, No. 15 (*c*), the words "in the Presidencies of Fort St. George and Bombay" shall be omitted.

II. In exercise of the power conferred by section eight of the said Act, the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that bills of exchange and cheques which may be drawn in British India, and on acount of which the full rate of stamp duty may have been paid there, shall be exempted from the further payment of stamp duty on being negotiated in the Territories of Mysore.

A. C. LYALL,
Secretary to the Government of India.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNTS.

Loans.

No. 778.

Simla, the 22nd May 1879.

In accordance with Notification No. 1270, dated 13th March 1879, tenders for *The Four-and-a-Half Per-Cent-Loan*, 1879, were accepted on Monday, the 12th instant, for Rs. 4,05,45,000.

2. The Governor General in Council now invites fresh tenders for the sum of Rs. 94,55,000 which is wanting to make up the Loan of Five Crores of Rupees advertised by the said Notification No. 1270.

3. Tenders for the whole or any part of the said amount of Rs. 94,55,000 will be received by the Comptroller General from this date to noon of Monday, the 2nd of June 1879.

4. No tender at a rate below Ninety-five Rupees Eight Annas per centum will be accepted, and accepted tenders must be paid in four equal instalments as follows :—

one-fourth on or before Monday, the 30th June 1879 :
one-fourth on or before Wednesday, the 30th July 1879 :
one-fourth on or before Saturday, the 30th August 1879 :
one-fourth on or before Saturday, the 13th September 1879.

5. In all other respects, the conditions of the said Notification No. 1270, dated 13th March 1879, will apply to the tenders now invited, and to the Supplementary Loan of Rs. 94,55,000 now advertised, which will form a part of *The Four-and-a-Half-Per-Cent Loan*, 1879.

6. If tenders are not received for the whole amount of Rs. 94,55,000 before noon of the 2nd June next, the Comptroller General will accept subscriptions for the residue at the fixed price of 96 per centum from Tuesday, the 3rd June, till noon on Monday, the 16th June, unless the full amount of Rs. 94,55,000 is earlier completed.

R. B. CHAPMA
Secy. to the Govt. of